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SUBJECT: BRAZIL: DECEMBER VOTE ON "DEFAMATION OF RELIGIONS"

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¶1. (SBU) On December 2, poloff delivered reftel demarche to Glaucia Gauch, head of the Department of Human Rights and Social Affairs of the Ministry of External Relations (MRE). Poloff followed up by delivering a copy of the "Defamation of Religions" non-paper to Nathanael de Souza e Silva who works under Gauch. Gauch and Silva said that Brazil is in principle against the "defamation of religions" concept, which the GOB considers to be inconsistent with both international and Brazilian law, but offered no explanation as to why Brazil consistently abstains when the issue comes up in the UN.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Brazil's abstentions are most likely in deference to the OIC.
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